



## Welcome to The Hot Spot™

This is the premier issue of Krohn Conservatory's "Hot Spot" newsletter.

The "Hot Spot" will be published quarterly, with issues coming out each fall, winter, spring, and summer. Articles such as "What is in Bloom" and a feature floral show highlight will help you plan a Krohn visit for the ideal time to see your favorite blossoms and displays. Since there is always something exciting to see and learn more about at Krohn, we want to keep you informed and also share some of this excitement in this newsletter.

We hope that you enjoy the "Hot Spot" and that you will be looking forward to future issues. Your input is valued and we would like to hear what you think of the "Hot Spot" and your ideas about what you might like to see in print in the future. Please call Andrea Schepmann at 513-421-5707 with comments and suggestions.

## KROHN RENOVATION: The Final Phase

The Krohn Conservatory was closed again this summer for the last phase of the glass renovation and other building improvements. The Palm House will be reglazed with new safety glass, which completes the addition of safety glass to all greenhouse areas. This makes Krohn a much safer spot during severe storms. The roof vents will all be screened, which helps keep out unwanted insects and other critters, as well as keep in others, like butterflies or possibly, in the future, some exotic birds. Many of the large palms and other exotic trees have been pruned severely to allow for workers to remove glass and paint the support structure. We know from experience that in a short time the plants will leaf back out.

In addition to the re-glazing project, work will continue on the installation of the expanded orchid display. The project features a new setting for orchids and carnivorous plants in a replicated habitat of tree, rocks, and a cascading water fall built by *Man-Made Wonders*. Thanks to the Dornette Foundation for providing funding for this renovation as well as many new orchids. Additional orchids will be purchased that bloom during the times of the year that our current collection is sparse. Look forward to the announcement of a dedication ceremony in October for this new display.



*Showroom being painted*



*Orchid area being cleared for new display*



*Visitors Center empty for summer*

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Krohn Zone Cart

The Krohn Zone Cart is a hands-on educational spot featuring information and touchable items for visitors to experience up close. On many days volunteers will be available to answer questions about the various monthly topics. The Krohn Zone Cart is sponsored by the Dornette Foundation.

### November - Tea

The tea plant, Camellia sinensis, is a plant of interesting history and cultivation. Join us during the month of November to learn more about this fascinating plant. A special Tea training session is provided for interested volunteers and staff at Krohn Conservatory on **October 28 at 10:30AM**. Please call for reservations.

## ORCHID DISPLAY AND COMPETITION

### October 23 - 26

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will bring another fabulous collection of displays and purchasing opportunities to the Krohn Conservatory this fall. Orchid specialists and vendors from the Tri-State area will bring hundreds of blooming orchids for this display, which is one of the best in the region. These shows are sanctioned by the American Orchid Society and judged for outstanding plants. Please plan on attending this outstanding event.

## FALL BONSAI DISPLAY

### October 30 - 31

The Bonsai Society of Greater Cincinnati sponsors this fall display of beautiful bonsais. Many of these miniature works of art are deciduous and will exhibit unique seasonal changes such as fruit or leaf color. Experts will be on hand to give advice as well as sell many of the supplies needed to create your own bonsai. Join us for this fun and educational event.



## CLASSIC CHILDREN'S STORIES

### 2004 Holiday Floral Display

### November 20 - January 2, 2005

Krohn florist, Mary Ann Phillips, has designed a beautiful garden with the traditional holiday music box and trains along with some surprising new elements. Take a stroll through the display where scenes from such story favorites as "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and "Hansel and Gretel" are enhanced with poinsettias, candy colored flowers and fragrant seasonal evergreens. The Nativity display, sponsored by Western Southern Life Insurance, will open on December 3.

During the holiday season Krohn Conservatory and the Cincinnati Parks have many programs, events and displays. Call 421-5707 for additional information or visit our website at [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks) for a complete listing.